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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES FORMER GROUP HOME OWNER SENTENCED

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that a former owner and administrator of a group home facility in Las Vegas, who exploited one of the residents of that facility, has been sentenced to 12 months in jail and ordered to pay \$68,249 in restitution, penalties, and costs.

Gloria Repollo, 58, of Las Vegas, was sentenced on June 27 for one gross misdemeanor offense of exploitation of an older person, by Clark County District Court Judge Stewart Bell. Bell also sentenced Repollo to community service and three years of probation in this elder exploitation case.

"Prosecuting elder abuse cases promotes safe living environments and protects our elderly population from financial predators," said Masto. "This office will continue to assist our elderly citizens and ensure they are not being exploited."

Investigators from the AG's office began looking into the case after information was obtained from the <u>Clark County Public Guardians Office</u> that Repollo, the owner and administrator of Adult Care Senior Home, was financially exploiting one of the residents of the home. The investigation revealed that Repollo was obtaining money from a victim during times that the resident was hospitalized and had been deemed incompetent by a medical professional.

The exploitation occurred from April 2009 to January 2010.

Persons convicted of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Nevada Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), which investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The MFCU also

investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 775-684-1191.

The case was prosecuted by Andrew Schulke, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Read the criminal information by visiting: http://bit.ly/RepolloCriminalComplaint.



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